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SUBJECT:PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS IN VOCATIONAL AND  
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1. IN ORDER INITIATE EXCHANGE DISCUSSED PARA 4 REFTTEL, DEPT  
PROPOSES SOVIETS RECEIVE SEVEN PERSON DELEGATION ON VOCATION  
-AL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS JUNE.  
DELEGATION WOULD BE HEADED BY DR. WILLIAM F. PIERCE, DEPUTY  
COMMISSIONER OF OCCUPATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION, US OFFICE  
OF EDUCATION. OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS WOULD BE SPECIALISTS  
IN FIELD AND WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM PROFESSIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS AMERICAN VOCATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES, AS  
WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SUCH  
AS CENTER FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

2. USDEL PROPOSES FOLLOWING TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

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A. OVERVIEW OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND PLANNING OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, INCLUDING LONG-RANGE PROJECTIONS.

B. PROGRAMS FOR 8-YEAR SCHOOL GRADUATES IN VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND TECHNICUMS AND PROGRAMS FOR 10-YEAR SCHOOL GRADUATES IN TECHNICUMS. DEL REQUESTS VISITS TO SUCH PROGRAMS, TO FACTORY SCHOOL PROGRAMS, AND ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT OR INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS IN VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT THESE LEVELS.

C. SYSTEM FOR STUDENT OCCUPATIONAL SELECTION. DEL WOULD APPRECIATE DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT AT GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES NAMED IN "A" ABOVE AND IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

D. TEACHER TRAINING IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION. DEL WOULD APPRECIATE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT AND VISITS TO ANY PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO TRAIN TEACHERS OF VOCATIONAL OR TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

E. RETRAINING OF ADULT POPULATION. DEL WOULD LIKE TO VISIT PART-TIME (EVENING AND CORRESPONDENCE) PROGRAMS FOR WORKING ADULTS AND OTHER PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO RETRAIN ADULTS FOR CHANGING TECHNOLOGY.

F. INFORMAL EDUCATION IN VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL AREAS IN PALACES OF CULTURE. DEL WOULD APPRECIATE VISITS TO SUCH PROGRAMS.

3. DEL WISHES TO VISIT THREE INDUSTRIAL CITIES INCLUDING SVERDLOVSK.

4. USDEL WOULD OF COURSE BE PREPARED TO PRESENT US VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE ON ABOVE SUBJECTS AND WOULD ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSION OF ANY ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS IN WHICH THE SOVIETS HAVE PARTICULAR INTEREST.

5. WE REALIZE EMBASSY HAS TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL DEL IN FALL AND THE SOVIETS MAY BE RELUCTANT RECEIVE DEL ON RELATIVELY SHORT NOTICE, BUT ARE SUG-

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GESTING JUNE DATES BECAUSE DEL CHAIRMAN AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. IF SOVIETS UNABLE RECEIVE DEL IN JUNE, WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO RESCHEDULE IN FALL.

6. WE ALSO APPRECIATE THAT SOVIETS MAY BE RELUCTANT TO TAKE MORE THAN FIVE MAN DEL. DEL COULD BE PARED TO FIVE IF THIS IS ONLY STICKING POINT RE SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF JUNE DATE. KISSINGER

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